



# PSC NEWS

## Missouri Public Service Commission

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### PSC SETS HEARING SCHEDULE IN EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC RATE CASE

Jefferson City (April 4, 2002)---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold formal evidentiary hearings beginning in late October in an electric rate case filed by The Empire District Electric Company. **Hearings, to be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street in Jefferson City, are scheduled to begin on October 28, 2002. Hearings will continue through November 8, 2002, if necessary.**

The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the hearings.

Applications to intervene and participate in this rate case must be filed on or before **April 22, 2002**, with Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary, Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: Legal Department, The Empire District Electric Company, P.O. Box 127, Joplin, Missouri 64802; Stuart W. Conrad, Finnegan, Conrad & Peterson, L.C., 1209 Penntower Office Center, 3100 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri 64111; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

On March 8, 2002, The Empire District Electric Company filed a \$19.7 million electric rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission. As part of its filing, Empire seeks to reduce its current Interim Energy Charge. According to the Company, a residential customer using 750 kilowatt hours of electricity would experience a net increase of approximately \$3.23 a month.

The Empire District Electric Company serves approximately 128,700 electric customers in the Missouri counties of Barry, Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Polk, St. Clair, Stone and Taney.

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